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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during December were valued at £3,615,246, and were the highest for any month during the year. The total imports for the year were £29,431,828—the largest figure on record, and equal to £19 18s. 3d. per head of population. The direct overseas imports amounted to £14,496,074, as compared with £13,133,857 in 1904. The figures for the year show a total increase of £2,145,870—namely, £582,886 in Australian produce and £1,562,984 in goods of overseas origin. The chief articles of overseas origin showing increases are drugs and chemicals, metal manufactures, spirits, tea, apparel and softgoods. Machines, implements, and timber decreased largely during the year. Gold for coinage shows a considerable increase.

The overseas exports for the month show an increase of £521,562, and for the year of £1,392,102, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. The value of interstate transfers is only available for eleven months, but, even so, it is larger than for the whole of 1904. It is probable that the total exports during 1905 will amount to about 37 millions sterling, equal to £25 0s. 8d. per head of population, and will be thus four millions greater than in 1904, which showed the largest value up to that time. This increase is in spite of the fact that the overseas export of gold during the year decreased by £2,351,156, as compared with the previous year. The largest increase is in wool; copper, frozen meats, tallow, skins and hides, timber and coal also show considerable increases. Wheat, leather, and cocoanut oil show decreases.

Shipping.—During the year 1905 there was an increase of over half a million in the tonnage of vessels trading with the State. The tonnage entered increased by 278,332, and the tonnage cleared, by 224,094, as compared with 1904. The tonnage was the largest on record, and was not a great deal short of ten millions, being 9,381,619, of which steam vessels accounted for 8,093,068 tons, and sailing for 1,288,551. The whole of the increase was in steam vessels, as sailing vessels show a slight falling off.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for December show that the revenue was £1,593,890, or £439,491 more than in December last year. There were increases in the returns from Railways, Taxation,

and Crown lands. The Commonwealth surplus was £19,621 less than in last December. The expenditure during the month was £965,720, or £95,470 less than last December. During the first half of the financial year the revenue has increased by £672,437, and the expenditure decreased by £166,892, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The chief feature has been a large increase in revenue from Railways and Tramways, amounting to £256,882. The receipts from land show a falling-off of £71,116, and the surplus returned to the State by the Commonwealth increased by £62,740. During the half-year the receipts exceeded the expenditure by £301,051. In 1904 the excess of expenditure was £538,278. The net expenditure from General Loan Account on Public Works and Services for the half-year was £738,815, or £178,719 less than last year. In addition, Loans and Treasury Bills have been paid off or exchanged to the amount of £831,100, while new securities have been issued representing £1,581,909.

Wheat Crop, 1905-6.—It is estimated that the wheat yield during this season will be 20,489,000 bushels from 1,837,550 acres, or about 11 bushels per acre, while the hay crop will be 339,500 tons from 348,110 acres. Reports say that the quality shows a considerable improvement on last year's grain. Many of the crops average 62 lb. per bushel and over. The proportion of the crop in the various districts served by the three main lines of railway will be Southern, 53·8 per cent.; Western, 34·3 per cent.; and Northern, 11·5 per cent.; the balance being in districts not served by railway. After allowing for home consumption and seed requirements, the amount available for export will be about 10,000,000 bushels.

Prices.—The index numbers show that during 1905 prices were generally about 15 per cent. higher than in 1901, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. higher than in 1904. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,192, and for metals 1,149. Since 1901 the greatest rise in prices has been in wheat, wool, skins and hides, lead, and tin. Butter, beef, and coal are the only articles which have fallen. The level for December was 1,239, or slightly higher than for November.

Meteorology.—During the first half of the month relatively cool weather prevailed. In the second half the temperature was higher, especially in the North-west districts. The rainfall was above the average at isolated places on the coast, and Northern and Southern tablelands, but over the greater part of the State it was generally below normal.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	582,750	1,262,270	23,020	1'86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	692,030	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	718,935	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	723,035	656,495	1,379,531	14,941	1'03	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2'04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1'70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	683,299	1,461,533	29,904	2'09	1,446,440
31st March, 1905 ...	778,600	691,320	1,469,920	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1905 ...	784,030	694,230	1,478,260	.....	.....	.....
30th September, 1905...	789 630	693,050	1,497,680	.....	.....	.....

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19'07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16'27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17'81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14'90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15'42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16'26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15'93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15'20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13'68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16'11
Jan. to Sept., 1905...	8,250	15,291	14,573	6,569	4,699	18,596	.....
July to Sept., 1905	2,541	5,441	5,043	2,260	1,627	6,597	.....
July to Sept., 1904...	2,523	5,277	4,953	2,235	1,660	6,335	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,305	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,310	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	160,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
Jan. to Sept., 1905 ...	35,451	18,975	46,383	24,902	125,711	29,479	18,684	44,681	25,316	118,160
July to Sept., 1905...	10,305	4,949	16,782	8,131	40,167	8,019	4,765	16,649	7,911	37,344
July to Sept., 1904 ...	9,634	4,474	13,909	6,391	34,408	7,286	4,042	13,925	6,448	31,701

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	2,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
Jan. to Sept., 1905 ...	71,285	32,089	2,868	12,163	7,306	125,711
July to Sept., 1905...	24,913	8,943	907	3,141	2,263	40,167
July to Sept., 1904 ...	20,300	8,622	812	2,851	1,823	34,408

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,025	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
Jan. to Sept., 1905 ...	69,997	27,528	4,896	8,576	7,163	118,160
July to Sept., 1905...	24,560	7,656	828	2,354	1,946	37,344
July to Sept., 1904 ...	20,373	6,571	810	2,054	1,939	31,747

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported and Exported, 1904.

Article.	Imports.			Exports.		
	From other Australian States.	From Oversea Countries.	Total.	To other Australian States.	To Oversea Countries.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	35,729	134,312	170,041	13,108	7,506	20,614
Animals—Horses	196,572	14,147	210,719	248,130	84,051	332,181
Other	1,578,768	18,465	1,597,233	430,984	6,577	437,561
Apparel and Soft Goods	563,744	3,314,786	3,878,530	445,017	111,675	556,692
Boots and Shoes	187,993	142,649	330,642	129,008	12,169	141,177
Butter	93,009	247	93,256	59,788	811,820	871,608
Candles	17,263	41,462	58,725	15,430	1,546	16,976
Coal	251	.....	251	752,686	724,779	1,477,465
Cocoa and Chocolate	9,494	45,183	54,677	6,404	1,022	7,426
Coffee and Chicory	11,197	20,999	32,196	11,032	2,353	13,385
Copper	462,852	.....	462,852	2,003	868,041	870,044
Cordage and Twines	29,457	54,097	83,554	33,814	17,249	51,063
Drugs and Chemicals	15,935	73,646	89,581	22,468	24,552	47,020
Fish—All kinds	26,738	92,929	119,667	41,158	8,300	49,458
Fruits—Dried	60,631	42,651	103,282	6,877	3,793	10,670
Fresh	252,951	12,891	265,842	100,524	43,428	143,952
Furniture	25,269	80,412	105,681	23,098	7,120	30,218
Glass and Glassware	26,188	110,110	136,298	13,650	13,245	26,895
Gold—Uncoined	2,816,020	516,861	3,332,881	22,053	1,568,014	1,590,067
Coined	1,131,841	1,281	1,133,122	280,700	3,361,557	3,642,257
Grain—Rice	6,074	96,830	102,904	19,659	15,835	35,494
Wheat	5,615	32	5,647	208,184	1,415,489	1,623,673
Flour	60,619	1,351	61,970	143,109	184,575	327,684
Hats and Caps	52,808	173,894	226,702	48,065	4,552	52,617
Implements—Agricultural	164,633	148,375	313,008	23,134	5,203	28,337
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c	20,495	183,575	204,070	16,985	11,261	28,246
Galvanised Sheet	25,249	234,267	259,516	12,602	11,997	24,599
Lead	565,739	28	565,767	16,271	649,804	666,075
Leather	76,329	117,980	194,309	106,148	233,813	339,961
Manufactures	10,826	23,990	34,816	14,065	5,327	19,392
Machines and Machinery	139,556	678,955	818,511	182,729	51,447	234,176
Meats—Beef	8,196	.....	8,196	641	7,004	7,645
Mutton and Lamb	252	.....	252	8,525	275,227	283,752
Rabbits and Hares	607	.....	607	1,721	54,286	56,007
Meat—Preserved	28,092	2,827	30,919	64,502	88,053	152,555
Metal Manufactures—Free	11,108	103,233	114,341	17,233	1,039	18,272
Dutiable	122,346	588,527	710,873	146,503	66,784	213,287
Oil—Cocanut	106	6	112	4,712	140,600	145,312
Kerosene	11,292	120,224	131,516	21,322	12,160	33,482
Ores	98,818	14,980	113,798	12,195	90,293	102,488
Silver Bullion	50,559	.....	50,559	251	176,348	176,599
Silver-lead Bullion	39,784	.....	39,784	22,966	58,839	603,805
Skins—Hides	156,867	19,788	176,655	78,401	80,173	158,574
Sheep	81,975	26,162	108,137	43,327	160,466	203,793
Rabbit and Hare	2,586	442	3,028	9,142	97,381	106,523
Other	107,833	2,796	110,629	8,758	161,616	170,374
Spirits—All kinds	70,820	263,782	334,602	69,926	24,763	94,689
Sugar	620,354	91,697	712,051	258,958	24,553	283,511
Tallow	25,574	552	26,126	11,415	268,108	279,523
Tea	36,760	351,315	388,075	98,967	30,323	129,290
Timber	143,992	421,623	565,615	23,722	185,698	209,420
Tin—Ingots	154,183	138	154,321	903	408,666	409,569
Plates	498	57,971	58,469	6,813	675	7,488
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	132,853	212,831	345,684	200,279	37,726	238,005
Wine	39,054	27,597	66,651	11,999	12,772	24,771
Wool	919,603	2,885	922,488	1,593,627	8,657,131	10,250,758
Other Articles	2,618,144	4,448,076	7,066,220	3,752,359	1,179,001	4,931,360
Total	£ 14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835

No. 7.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 ...	6,758,140	9,234,275	15,992,415	7,104,812	14,829,973	21,934,785
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,859,259	14,572,569	29,431,828	*	24,481,887	*

No. 8.—Trade Comparison—Imports—January to December.

Month.	1905.			1904.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	941,863	1,282,597	2,224,460	684,476	957,586	1,642,062	(+) 582,398
February ...	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	845,973	1,295,653	2,141,626	(+) 204,004
March ...	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	767,249	1,410,965	2,178,214	(—) 93,143
April ...	978,001	1,012,563	1,990,564	978,993	1,089,374	2,068,367	(—) 77,803
May ...	1,062,432	1,024,100	2,086,532	832,590	1,039,562	1,872,152	(+) 214,380
June ...	952,372	829,330	1,781,702	875,893	1,051,036	1,926,929	(—) 145,227
July ...	1,167,099	1,436,867	2,603,966	699,726	1,166,569	1,866,295	(+) 737,671
August ...	1,002,659	1,592,677	2,595,336	788,207	1,401,602	2,189,809	(+) 405,527
September ...	969,802	1,492,394	2,462,196	1,315,392	1,354,836	2,670,228	(—) 208,032
October ...	1,346,457	1,631,332	2,977,789	1,080,162	1,441,611	2,521,773	(+) 456,016
November ...	1,112,632	1,550,604	2,663,236	1,013,004	1,160,214	2,173,218	(+) 490,018
December ...	1,649,367	1,565,979	3,615,346	1,677,035	1,232,614	2,909,649	(+) 705,697
Total (12 months)	13,283,809	16,148,019	29,431,828	11,558,700	14,601,622	26,160,322	(+) 3,271,506

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Exports—January to December.

Month.	1905.			1904.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	1,751,692	697,048	2,448,740	1,712,679	510,547	2,223,226	(+) 225,514
February ...	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	2,316,928	636,011	2,952,939	(+) 69,262
March ...	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	1,371,460	706,200	2,077,660	(+) 178,287
April ...	1,151,319	652,983	1,804,302	1,352,905	629,133	1,982,038	(—) 177,736
May ...	977,649	765,910	1,743,559	1,313,609	681,685	1,995,294	(—) 251,735
June ...	1,205,176	735,830	1,941,006	1,341,245	600,445	1,941,690	(—) 684
July ...	1,145,883	753,235	1,899,118	1,578,418	648,700	2,227,118	(—) 328,000
August ...	1,131,526	915,691	2,047,217	1,412,134	763,931	2,176,065	(—) 128,848
September ...	2,074,820	1,369,177	3,443,997	2,195,547	1,212,820	3,408,367	(+) 35,630
October ...	3,267,802	2,025,086	5,292,888	1,701,042	1,295,914	3,056,956	(+) 2,235,932
November ...	3,767,512	1,601,002	5,368,514	2,910,736	1,243,572	4,154,308	(+) 1,214,206
December ...	4,173,853	*	.....	3,652,291	1,110,907	4,763,198	(+) 521,562†
Total (12 months)	24,481,887	*10,959,455	.....	22,918,994	10,039,865	32,958,859	(+) 1,562,893†

* The figures for December are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

NOTE.—If the sum of the monthly values of imports and exports above be compared with the totals in Tables 6 and 7 it will be found that there are fairly considerable differences. These arise from the fact that the interstate movements of live stock were not included in the monthly statements in 1904, and also to the fact that gold of oversea origin was in some cases described as Australian produce. The monthly figures are, of course, preliminary only, and subject to revision at the end of the year.

No. 10.—Principal Articles Imported during December, and during 12 months—
January to December.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
December.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	2,701	20,938	23,639	3,386	18,905	22,291
Animals	318,821	5,407	324,228	36,854	2,349	39,203
Apparel and Soft Goods	27,296	390,503	417,799	23,675	205,278	228,953
Boots and Shoes	22,004	10,963	32,967	20,944	13,374	34,318
Cordage and Twines	3,937	19,265	23,202	2,426	19,474	21,900
Drugs and Chemicals	3,749	26,376	30,125	1,274	10,350	11,624
Fish—all kinds	847	25,990	26,837	644	14,141	14,785
Fruits—Dried	2,543	7,627	10,170	3,705	8,366	12,071
Fresh	20,501	5,163	25,664	19,351	2,172	21,523
Furniture	2,470	12,035	14,505	1,826	5,595	7,421
Glass and Glassware	1,482	15,340	16,822	1,749	11,282	13,031
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	225,188	109,984	335,172	67,984	105,853	785,737
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	8,480	8,480	...	2,346	2,346
Hats and Caps	3,231	22,298	25,529	2,087	6,675	8,762
Impl.ments—Agricultural	20,141	10,689	30,830	19,012	18,735	37,747
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	180	21,184	21,364	83	17,892	17,975
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	43,368	43,368	.....	22,777	22,777
Leather	9,655	11,779	21,434	5,080	4,698	9,778
Machines and Machinery	7,221	77,693	84,914	4,070	63,152	67,222
Metal Manufactures—Free	996	89,610	90,606	612	39,188	39,800
Dutiable	8,657	71,287	79,944	7,549	45,062	52,611
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	24,832	24,832	.....	12,444	12,444
Spirits	3,117	63,297	66,414	2,511	29,668	32,179
Sugar	192,567	1,121	193,688	182,940	12,571	195,511
Tea ... ..	.....	40,559	40,559	.....	28,816	28,816
Timber	11,459	46,299	57,758	8,320	34,237	42,557
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	10,087	38,215	48,302	9,457	25,382	34,839
Wine	5,326	3,811	9,137	4,200	4,257	8,457
Wool	232,917	728	233,645	225,381	271	225,652
Other Articles	512,274	741,138	1,253,412	410,015	447,304	857,319
Total	1,949,367	1,965,979	3,915,346	1,677,035	1,232,614	2,909,649

January to December.

Ale and Beer	21,738	139,772	161,510	25,062	114,979	170,041
Animals	1,422,672	32,975	1,455,647	1,773,883	34,069	1,807,952
Apparel and Soft Goods	3,4767	4,173,350	4,488,117	209,569	3,608,961	3,878,530
Boots and Shoes	175,841	124,624	300,465	171,640	159,002	330,642
Cordage and Twines	27,572	200,581	228,153	23,588	59,966	83,554
Drugs and Chemicals	27,848	256,192	284,040	7,300	82,281	89,581
Fish—all kinds	11,332	120,012	131,344	14,269	105,398	119,667
Fruits—Dried	54,985	54,430	109,415	56,106	47,176	103,282
Fresh	320,459	14,522	334,981	252,583	13,259	265,842
Furniture	26,262	75,689	101,951	19,937	85,744	105,681
Glass and Glassware	12,619	113,843	126,462	17,034	119,204	136,298
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	3,540,046	960,221	4,506,267	3,912,495	523,508	4,436,003
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	89,685	89,685	.....	102,904	102,904
Hats and Caps	36,636	176,125	212,761	34,244	192,458	226,702
Impl.ments—Agricultural	135,367	126,089	261,456	125,471	187,537	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	2,021	180,239	182,260	2,040	202,030	204,070
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	292,105	292,105	3	259,513	259,516
Leather	76,531	121,471	198,002	58,027	136,282	194,309
Machines and Machinery	61,528	732,736	794,264	45,243	773,268	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free	8,513	644,479	652,992	4,149	110,192	114,341
Dutiable	65,042	574,987	640,029	58,192	652,681	710,873
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	149,349	149,349	.....	131,516	131,516
Spirits	26,195	425,395	451,590	25,882	3,8720	334,602
Sugar	618,075	105,799	723,874	576,505	712,516	712,051
Tea ... ..	.....	428,028	428,028	.....	388,075	388,075
Timber	91,810	424,031	515,841	78,815	486,800	565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	104,236	240,657	344,893	106,853	238,831	345,684
Wine	36,170	34,843	71,013	36,216	30,415	66,651
Wool	1,129,709	3,362	1,133,071	919,603	2,885	922,488
Other Articles	4,935,835	5,126,428	10,062,263	4,056,214	5,261,755	9,317,969
Total	13,283,809	16,148,019	29,431,828	12,700,923	14,585,035	27,285,958

No. 11.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during December, and during twelve months—January to December.

Article.	1905.				1904.*			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	413	413	£ 8,393	£ 8,393	326	326	£ 7,940	£ 7,940
Butter ... lb.	2,980,738	2,980,738	127,670	127,670	4,301,752	4,301,752	161,317	161,317
Coal ... ton	270,012	270,012	115,525	115,525	119,420	119,420	55,375	55,375
Copper ... cwt.	42,206	42,206	155,807	155,807	32,913	32,913	103,606	103,676
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	9,474	9,668	5,281	5,544	8,040	8,418	4,641	4,955
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	142,789	500,505	.....	.....	291,752	291,752
Grain—Wheat ... bshl.	282,153	282,153	51,729	51,729	421,477	421,477	70,106	70,106
Flour ... ton	4,199	4,199	33,109	33,109	1,812	1,812	16,076	16,078
Lead ... cwt.	72,209	72,209	53,657	53,657	109,229	109,229	63,092	63,092
Leather ...	.....	.....	26,336	26,459	.....	.....	16,244	16,244
Meats—Beef ... lb.	688,023	688,023	7,486	7,486	608	608	9	9
Mutton & Lamb ..	13,599,440	13,599,440	140,330	140,330	4,135,342	4,135,342	43,658	43,658
Rabbits & Hares pair	236,296	236,296	10,710	10,710	29,040	29,040	968	968
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	980,068	981,209	21,539	21,567	348,294	350,622	5,63	5,699
Oil—Cocanut ... ton	357	357	8,656	8,656	422	425	10,030	10,115
Ores ...	.....	.....	59,509	59,509	.....	.....	70,769	70,769
Silver Bullion ... oz.	208,278	208,278	25,312	25,312	148,859	148,859	17,178	17,178
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	30,015	30,015	28,214	28,214	52,930	52,930	63,626	63,626
Skins—Hides ... No.	24,351	24,351	24,613	24,613	7,763	7,763	7,558	7,558
Sheep ...	579,764	579,764	72,334	72,334	151,310	151,310	24,858	24,858
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	297,269	297,269	10,534	10,534	99,208	99,208	2,741	2,741
Other ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,921	27,921
Tallow ... cwt.	75,932	75,932	103,599	103,599	44,137	44,137	50,690	50,690
Timber ...	.....	.....	44,450	45,441	.....	.....	21,294	21,798
..... cwt.	5,582	5,582	44,880	44,880	7,701	7,701	50,826	50,826
Wine ... gal.	2,907	5,852	879	1,910	967	1,322	323	812
Wool ... lb.	47,893,000	47,893,000	2,237,137	2,237,137	55,046,209	55,066,209	2,348,479	2,355,379
Other articles ...	.....	.....	129,006	253,193	.....	.....	45,994	107,151
Total ... £	.....	.....	3,689,484	4,173,853	.....	.....	3,582,783	3,652,291
January to December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	5,460	5,461	125,576	126,076	3,417	3,419	82,521	84,051
Butter ... lb.	19,975,065	19,975,125	816,604	816,607	21,396,302	21,398,822	811,742	811,820
Coal ... ton	2,020,559	2,020,559	841,577	841,577	1,539,934	1,539,934	724,779	724,779
Copper ... cwt.	379,095	379,095	1,258,307	1,258,307	310,959	310,959	8,804	868,041
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	8,770	89,671	43,632	45,427	65,275	67,180	41,781	43,428
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	2,211,436	2,578,415	.....	.....	4,372,470	4,929,571
Grain—Wheat ... bshl.	4,313,603	4,313,603	727,985	727,985	8,952,643	9,059,953	1,399,393	1,415,489
Flour ... ton	39,034	39,080	307,876	308,327	21,931	23,523	171,647	184,575
Lead ... cwt.	958,703	958,763	584,829	584,829	1,232,216	1,232,216	649,804	649,804
Leather ...	.....	.....	223,265	227,179	.....	.....	230,771	233,813
Meats—Beef ... lb.	2,089,776	2,089,776	22,752	22,752	544,464	544,464	7,004	7,004
Mutton & Lamb ..	51,532,949	51,532,949	545,415	545,415	22,636,642	22,636,642	275,227	275,227
Rabbits & Hares pair	3,202,109	3,202,109	92,853	92,853	1,422,129	1,422,129	54,286	54,286
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	7,331,897	7,346,417	154,712	155,118	5,635,991	5,765,322	84,486	88,053
Oil—Cocanut ... ton	5,298	5,298	127,512	127,512	6,243	6,243	140,600	140,600
Ores ...	.....	.....	519,204	519,662	.....	.....	90,215	90,293
Silver Bullion ... oz.	823,452	831,587	95,574	96,524	1,585,510	1,629,070	171,697	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	607,978	607,978	559,120	559,120	616,650	616,650	580,839	580,839
Skins—Hides ... No.	153,458	153,458	158,479	158,479	78,050	80,192	77,941	80,173
Sheep ...	3,291,516	3,291,516	410,915	410,915	929,713	950,843	155,840	160,466
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	2,587,668	2,590,101	93,472	93,905	3,127,251	3,127,251	97,381	97,381
Other ...	.....	.....	270,620	270,620	.....	.....	157,117	161,616
Tallow ... cwt.	370,581	370,581	442,331	442,331	249,613	249,613	268,108	268,108
Timber ...	.....	.....	320,740	331,127	.....	.....	178,114	185,698
Tin ... cwt.	58,818	58,818	413,664	413,664	65,903	65,903	408,666	408,666
Wine ... gal.	24,538	31,301	7,309	12,310	3,222	35,767	8,764	12,772
Wool ... lb.	239,433,952	239,433,952	11,141,335	11,141,335	195,556,884	195,731,755	8,650,195	8,657,131
Other articles ...	.....	.....	766,991	1,573,413	.....	.....	943,922	1,699,753
Total ... £	.....	.....	23,284,158	24,481,887	.....	.....	21,703,351	23,089,785

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

* See note to Table 9.

No. 12—Outward Interstate Transfers during November, and during 11 months, January to November.

NOTE.—The figures for December are not yet available.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
November.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Live	248,796	.....	248,796	179,547	350	179,897
Apparel and Soft Goods	9,792	27,743	37,535	6,469	21,869	28,338
Biscuits	5,072	.....	5,072	3,825	4	3,829
Boots and Shoes—Leather	9,938	615	10,553	10,115	491	10,606
Butter	406	.....	406	722	3	725
Cement	2,684	37	2,721	3,998	25	4,023
Coal	58,745	.....	58,745	70,371	.....	70,371
Fruits—Fresh	17,464	439	17,903	12,141	98	12,239
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	88,302	.....	88,302	57,206	.....	57,206
Grain—Wheat	8,814	.....	8,814	5,601	.....	5,601
Flour	14,916	40	14,956	13,273	127	13,400
Hats and Caps	2,600	3,219	5,849	1,193	2,040	3,933
Leather	5,616	3,527	9,143	5,401	1,874	7,335
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	3,476	4,116	7,592	3,412	3,452	6,864
Free	1,891	2,753	4,644	4,584	2,973	7,557
Potatoes	852	230	1,082	88	.....	88
Skins and Hides	23,234	.....	23,234	10,525	97	10,622
Soap	3,518	145	3,663	3,039	432	3,471
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	32,045	2	32,047	6,500	.....	6,500
Spirits	1,757	4,940	6,697	999	2,711	3,710
Sugar	24,790	76	24,866	14,306	1,014	15,320
Tea ... ..	.....	6,316	6,316	.....	7,422	7,422
Timber	1,500	377	1,877	1,146	217	1,363
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	14,861	2,255	17,116	11,708	1,906	13,614
Wool	566,598	.....	566,598	420,017	.....	420,017
All other Articles	299,735	96,740	396,475	245,906	103,615	349,521
Total	1,447,402	153,600	1,601,002	1,092,852	150,720	1,243,572
January to November.						
Animals—Live	1,761,414	2,732	1,764,146	1,205,098	1,863	1,206,961
Apparel and Soft Goods	100,085	264,208	364,293	92,875	263,595	356,470
Biscuits	35,890	125	36,015	31,080	441	31,521
Boots and Shoes—Leather	98,857	8,726	107,583	90,059	10,686	100,745
Butter	86,041	18	86,066	59,085	39	59,124
Cement	29,521	399	29,920	17,808	1,865	19,673
Coal	706,703	.....	706,703	677,194	.....	677,194
Fruits—Fresh	112,135	2,739	114,874	89,498	3,310	92,808
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	373,420	5,014	378,434	214,305	4,100	218,405
Grain—Wheat	159,590	7	159,597	195,300	3	195,303
Flour	123,109	1,060	124,169	120,970	7,227	128,197
Hats and Caps	21,821	22,267	44,088	17,370	19,941	37,311
Leather	62,362	33,929	96,291	65,439	32,476	97,915
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	32,537	38,664	71,201	34,438	44,907	79,345
Free	15,452	27,477	42,929	38,447	26,691	65,138
Potatoes	30,557	394	30,951	6,256	61	6,317
Skins and Hides	147,960	307	148,267	106,531	1,650	108,181
Soap	39,470	2,892	42,362	35,992	3,466	39,458
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	1,270,430	44	1,270,474	20,209	33	20,242
Spirits	10,902	48,503	59,405	11,427	53,353	64,780
Sugar	249,088	12,452	261,540	199,839	11,708	211,547
Tea ... ..	.....	95,939	95,939	.....	88,024	88,024
Timber	23,589	2,683	26,272	17,964	3,322	21,286
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	155,902	27,040	182,942	138,399	30,843	169,242
Wool	2,010,578	.....	2,010,578	1,408,744	.....	1,408,744
All other Articles	1,653,165	1,051,251	2,704,416	2,313,685	1,105,342	3,419,027
Total	9,310,585	1,648,870	10,959,455	7,214,012	1,714,946	8,928,958

No. 13.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
December, 1904...	2,348,479	86,182	161,317	291,752	126,718	103,676	55,375
January, 1905...	697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February, „ ...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March, „ ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April, „ ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May, „ ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June, „ ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July, „ ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August, „ ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September, „ ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October, „ ...	2,038,175	27,127	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November, „ ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December, „ ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525

No. 14.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896	2,414	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
December, 1905	369	554,459	305	533,645	492,506	61,953	499,440	34,205
December, 1904	303	496,120	307	508,146	439,413	56,707	445,527	62,619

No. 15.—State Revenue.

NOTE.—Advances recovered are not included.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Railways and Tramways.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Water Supply and Sewerage.	Surplus Common- wealth Revenue returned to State.	Other Sources.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896 ...	2,493,622	1,976,240	3,121,733	657,882	291,384	.....	550,507	9,091,368
1897 ...	2,396,412	1,898,834	3,334,316	686,894	298,849	.....	493,948	9,109,253
1898 ...	2,511,298	1,976,816	3,336,350	715,259	314,073	.....	451,088	9,304,884
1899 ...	2,515,231	1,953,074	3,513,491	755,970	344,361	.....	491,288	9,573,415
1900 ...	2,618,069	2,116,076	3,563,376	800,481	372,404	.....	503,330	9,973,736
1901 ...	1,980,885	2,066,545	4,099,085	557,006	371,996	883,273	653,632	10,612,422
1902 ...	1,108,770	2,001,574	4,323,432	.. .....	401,675	2,385,905	786,000	11,007,356
1903 ...	1,108,781	1,805,227	4,079,788	.....	427,698	3,053,133	821,442	11,296,069
1904 ...	1,100,193	1,860,570	4,263,744	.....	444,098	2,683,417	896,306	11,248,328
1905 ...	1,114,408	1,757,902	4,527,368	.....	527,985	2,529,070	880,185	11,336,918

No. 16.—State Expenditure.

NOTE.—Advances made are not included.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt.		Railways and Tramways.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Public Instruction (Primary).	Other.	Total.
	Interest.	Redemptions.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896... ..	2,262,996	261,511	1,877,543	745,343	705,840	3,845,658	9,698,891
1897... ..	2,267,861	265,811	1,827,150	706,144	660,535	3,589,119	9,316,620
1898... ..	2,255,690	300,248	1,865,776	701,054	653,953	3,522,690	9,299,411
1899... ..	2,292,955	255,840	1,983,987	695,262	686,571	3,648,124	9,562,739
1900... ..	2,310,271	264,561	2,102,793	726,569	703,282	3,978,710	10,086,186
1901... ..	2,346,852	269,412	2,474,376	527,254	717,520	4,394,327	10,729,741
1902... ..	2,498,750	274,550	2,806,161	.....	796,618	4,644,026	11,020,105
1903... ..	2,619,766	369,413	2,948,551	.....	824,968	4,704,534	11,467,235
1904... ..	2,745,348	369,412	2,921,026	.....	829,820	4,454,282	11,319,888
1905... ..	2,856,872	319,413	2,911,702	... ..	839,520	4,267,568	11,195,075

No. 17.—Revenue of State, Monthly.

Month.	Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Business Undertakings.		Surplus, Common-wealth Revenue returned to State.	Other Sources, including Advances recovered, but excluding Refunds.	Total.
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
December, 1904...	60,034	131,054	489,569	49,597	194,179	229,966	1,154,399
January, 1905...	79,840	125,639	378,227	29,560	215,121	67,490	895,877
February, " ...	291,411	113,047	366,503	46,066	221,277	61,526	1,099,830
March, " ...	49,913	240,247	386,500	97,539	194,540	76,267	1,045,006
April, " ...	115,464	173,351	367,542	91,905	203,232	51,760	1,003,254
May, " ...	72,922	258,624	356,171	74,804	199,135	69,212	1,030,868
June, " ...	268,612	112,054	403,345	50,035	168,613	180,130	1,182,789
July, " ...	58,410	107,448	294,452	23,252	244,323	29,830	757,715
August, " ...	45,273	114,395	364,462	44,674	294,055	36,312	899,171
September, " ...	36,702	106,124	426,439	89,573	210,710	42,267	911,815
October, " ...	68,710	118,155	466,919	98,375	216,831	38,299	1,007,289
November, " ...	110,056	160,500	474,154	78,516	249,416	44,408	1,117,050
December " ...	93,396	141,643	528,709	58,087	174,558	597,497	1,593,890

NOTE.—Refunds have been deducted from "Other Sources," as they cannot be distributed under the headings shown.

No. 18.—Expenditure of State, Monthly.

Month.	Public Debt.		Business Undertakings.		Public Instruction (Primary.)	Other Expenditure, including Advances made.	Total.
	Interest.	Redemptions.	Railways and Tramways.	Other.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
December, 1904...	13,632	281,602	238,658	20,835	67,603	438,860	1,061,190
January, 1905...	210,269	.....	252,038	15,261	68,914	378,341	924,823
February, " ...	215,761	.....	208,425	18,445	68,014	332,605	843,250
March, " ...	465,187	.....	300,987	15,142	68,265	355,569	1,205,150
April, " ...	500,890	.....	180,964	16,224	72,430	319,975	1,090,483
May, " ...	24,322	.....	266,315	22,407	72,614	391,804	777,462
June, " ...	31,400	37,811	159,774	22,572	67,259	372,189	691,005
July, " ...	198,345	.....	232,477	18,160	76,064	495,953	930,999
August, " ...	194,565	.....	267,261	20,292	63,451	357,764	909,333
September, " ...	498,034	87,500	264,538	19,251	68,015	350,965	1,288,303
October, " ...	514,472	.....	255,126	17,230	72,058	350,830	1,209,716
November, " ...	12,982	.....	254,148	19,895	73,064	321,719	681,808
December " ...	39,730	87,500	271,613	16,399	69,956	480,522	965,720

No. 19.—Comparison—Revenue and Expenditure.

Month.	Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	1905.	1904.	Increase +. Decrease —.	1905.	1904.	Increase +. Decrease —.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
July ...	757,715	815,480	(-) 57,765	930,999	986,173	(-) 55,174
August ...	899,171	897,648	(+) 1,523	909,333	987,525	(-) 78,192
September ...	911,815	898,715	(+) 13,100	1,288,303	1,155,489	(+) 132,814
October ...	1,007,289	896,698	(+) 110,591	1,209,716	1,216,015	(-) 6,299
November ...	1,117,050	951,553	(+) 165,497	681,808	746,379	(-) 64,571
December ...	1,593,890	1,154,399	(+) 439,491	965,720	1,061,190	(-) 95,470
Total (6 months)	6,286,930	5,614,493	(+) 672,437	5,985,879	6,152,771	(-) 166,892

No 20.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

Period.	Taxation.			Posts and Telegraphs.	Other Revenue.	Total.
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901	820,012	198,996	1,019,008	276,936	1,019	1,296,963
†1902	2,324,000	488,732	2,812,732	873,312	8,223	3,694,267
†1903	2,861,710	617,032	3,478,742	906,798	5,479	4,391,019
†1904	2,604,049	625,737	3,229,786	941,529	5,075	4,176,390
†1905	2,390,735	642,882	3,033,617	980,141	6,969	4,020,727
‡Sept., 1905 ...	678,709	161,909	840,618	249,593	2,723	1,092,939
‡Sept., 1904 ...	682,015	147,441	829,456	229,218	1,604	1,060,278

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Year ended 30th June.

‡ Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 21.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

Period.	New Expenditure.	Customs and Excise.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Naval and Military.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901	47,606	29,005	262,036	70,743	.....	409,390
†1902	99,252	63,450	840,685	309,147	.....	1,312,534
†1903	114,131	70,438	890,203	268,146	10	1,312,928
†1904	167,043	69,188	950,107	298,757	.....	1,485,095
†1905	290,847	68,724	894,595	237,892	... ..	1,492,058
‡Sept., 1905 ...	61,625	16,752	186,383	78,226	.....	342,986
‡Sept., 1904 ...	54,255	16,873	196,322	26,117	.. .....	293,567

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Year ended 30th June.

‡ Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 22.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

NOTE.—Repayments of Loans are not included.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt.	Expenditure from Loans.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions).		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896	62,411,373	386,125	352,605	192,324	348,044	1,279,098
1897	61,074,498	476,674	440,109	240,172	391,150	1,548,105
1898	63,112,720	421,885	538,622	282,421	410,215	1,653,143
1899	63,762,066	589,156	579,738	370,680	486,370	2,025,944
1900	65,332,993	858,193	438,684	382,346	721,720	2,400,943
1901	67,361,246	1,085,747	532,691	505,199	664,483	2,788,120
1902	71,592,485	2,243,672	486,205	1,698,387	599,948	4,938,212
1903	77,692,987	1,683,755	554,581	2,017,346	453,133	4,708,815
1904	80,033,581	805,520	315,305	879,213	292,480	2,292,518
1905	82,321,998	501,710	242,770	465,712	359,453	1,569,645

No. 23.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities. (Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052
1896	1,237,971	111,849	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,001,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
31 March, 1905 ...	1,354,663	241,245	14,448,265	21,098,268	35,546,533	88,470	37,227,911
30 June, 1905 ...	1,345,655	238,076	14,338,927	21,633,341	35,972,268	116,995	37,672,994
30 Sept, 1905 ...	1,339,703	209,086	14,076,837	21,787,053	35,863,890	102,481	37,515,160
30 Sept, 1904 ...	1,283,406	179,318	12,360,691	20,322,694	32,683,385	82,752	34,228,861

No. 24.—Banks of Issue—Assets. (Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,097,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	43,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
31 March, 1905 ...	6,798,046	260,052	1,804,424	31,981,265	260,812	293,717	41,398,326
30 June, 1905 ...	7,663,600	259,449	1,816,810	31,965,018	277,609	275,254	42,257,740
30 Sept, 1905 ...	8,174,325	256,233	1,823,986	32,425,127	265,223	273,622	43,218,521
30 Sept., 1904 ...	6,172,939	249,637	1,813,084	32,600,427	269,099	237,822	41,343,008

No. 25.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904-5	350,139	13,221,562	876,939	37 15 2	9 0 11

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 26.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,577,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 27.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 28.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (Area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973

No. 29.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	540,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710

No. 30.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	8·7	27·0	15·8	14·4	0·7	202	3 0 10
1897	10·2	27·2	21·1	17·6	1·0	172	3 4 9
1898	10·6	32·0	19·0	20·8	1·0	193	3 8 7
1899	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
Average for 10 yrs.	9·7	27·1	18·3	19·2	1·0	183	2 13 9

No. 31.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively.

No. 32.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532

No. 33.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " " " " " "	1,065	1,096	935
1903 " " " " " "	1,098	1,125	992
1904 " " " " " "	1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " " " " " "	1,150	1,192	1,149
December, 1902	1,087	1,183	894
December, 1903... ..	1,047	1,096	978
December, 1904... ..	1,123	1,142	1,092
June, 1905 " " " " " "	1,114	1,163	1,104
July, 1905 " " " " " "	1,150	1,205	1,140
August, 1905 " " " " " "	1,172	1,226	1,170
September, 1905	1,194	1,261	1,173
October, 1905	1,210	1,269	1,210
November, 1905	1,235	1,289	1,267
December, 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351

No. 34.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
December, 1904...	33 3	9 0 0	104	92	10½	1 7	25 10
January, 1905..	33 0	8 18 0	101	95	10½	1 7	25 6
February, " ...	33 0	8 17 0	102	97	10	1 6	25 7
March, " ...	33 0	9 0 0	105	100	10	1 6	25 0
April, " ...	31 9	8 19 0	102	95	10	1 6	25 6
May, " ...	31 6	8 11 0	95	87	10½	1 7	25 6
June, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	95	87	10½	1 7	26 0
July, " ...	30 9	8 10 0	100	96	11	1 7	26 6
August, " ...	32 3	8 6 0	108	104	11	1 8	27 0
September, " ...	33 3	8 4 0	110	104	11¼	1 8	27 6
October, " ...	33 9	8 7 0	114	106	11½	1 9	27 6
November, " ...	33 6	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December, " ...	33 0	8 12 0	115	110	11¼	1 8	27 6

No. 35.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
December, 1904 ...	3 4½	8 11 3	7½	9	2 4½	2 6
January, 1905 ...	3 5	8 9 6	8	11½	2 7	2 7¼
February, " ...	3 4½	8 6 3	8½	11½	2 9½	2 7
March, " ...	3 3½	8 3 9	8¾	11¼	2 3½	2 6½
April, " ...	3 2½	7 16 3	9	12	2 4	2 5½
May, " ...	3 2½	7 8 6	9¾	13	2 5¼	2 6
June, " ...	3 4	7 9 6	10	11	2 7	2 5½
July, " ...	3 4	7 17 6	9¼	10¾	2 8	2 8½
August, " ...	3 5½	7 17 6	9¾	10½	2 8	3 5½
September, " ...	3 6½	7 19 0	10½	12½	2 10¼	3 10
October, " ...	3 6½	8 0 0	11	13½	2 9¾	4 2½
November, " ...	3 7½	8 2 6	11½	17¾	2 11½	5 0½
December, " ...	3 8	8 2 6	10¾	12¼	2 11	4 5

	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
December, 1904 ...	2 16 3	9	5¼	6½	3½	8
January, 1905 ...	3 5 6	8¾	5¾	6½	3½	8½
February, " ...	3 3 9	9¼	5¼	6½	3½	11¼
March, " ...	3 3 3	9¾	6¼	6½	3½	12½
April, " ...	3 11 9	10¼	6¾	6½	3½	14¼
May, " ...	3 5 0	9¼	7½	6½	3½	16½
June, " ...	3 17 0	9¾	7½	5½	3½	15½
July, " ...	2 17 6	10½	7½	5½	4½	10¼
August, " ...	2 18 3	11¼	6¾	5½	4½	7½
September, " ...	3 4 10	11½	6¾	5¼	4½	6¾
October, " ...	3 11 3	11½	7½	6	4½	6½
November, " ...	3 7 6	10½	6	6	4½	7½
December, " ...	3 5 0	10½	5½	6½	5	9½

No. 36.—Value of Minerals Won.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,315,929	1,642,671	136,969	87,937	1,095,327
1896	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281
1897	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952

No. 37.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1895	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	Not available.	
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230

No. 38.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph wire.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280

No. 39.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5¾	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4¼	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3¾	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10¼	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4¾	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9¾	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3¼	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10¼	35,158,150
*September, 1905 ...	3,303	43,062,550	392,587	2,851,047	2 9	8,820,365
*September, 1904 ...	3,281	42,288,517	286,557	2,629,833	2 2¼	8,393,479

* Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 40.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1905.					December— (Mean 1895-1904.)			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast— Grafton	76·4	88·6	64·1	2·72	9	76·9	4·24	8	68·4	38·88
Hunter and Manning— Singleton	73·1	85·0	61·2	0·45	3	75·6	3·01	6	64·5	30·72
Cumberland— Sydney	68·0	74·3	61·7	2·73	18	70·7	2·18	13	62·8	49·35
South Coast— Bega	66·9	78·7	55·1	1·59	4	62·5	2·06	6	59·9	32·99
Northern Tableland— Armidale	66·9	80·1	53·6	3·75	12	67·3	3·84	10	56·5	31·91
Central Tableland— Bathurst	69·2	84·4	54·0	0·33	6	69·8	2·51	6	57·2	24·03
Southern Tableland— Goulburn	64·6	77·4	51·7	1·23	8	67·4	1·71	7	56·5	26·07
North-western Slope— Gunnedah	78·6	95·5	61·7	1·53	5	79·8	2·50	6	66·3	25·05
Central-western Slope— Dubbo	76·6	94·6	58·6	0·46	3	78·5	2·03	5	63·6	22·48
South-western Slope— Wagga	75·3	94·3	56·2	0·41	1	77·3	1·00	5	61·5	21·78
North-western Plain— Moree	81·4	99·0	63·8	0·41	3	81·1	1·86	6	68·8	23·56
Central-western Plain— Coonamble	81·6	97·6	65·6	0·30	1	81·0	1·39	4	65·8	20·23
Riverina— Deniliquin	72·6	89·7	55·5	0·10	2	74·8	1·02	4	61·9	16·41